

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**Tuition Trust Authority**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
**START Savings Program**  
**(LAC 28:VI.311 and 315)**

The Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority (LATTA) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [R.S. 49:953(B)] to amend rules of the Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START Saving) Program (R.S. 17:3091 *et seq.*).

This rulemaking increases the amount of interest earned during the year an account is terminated that will not be refunded from \$3 to \$10 dollars. This rulemaking adds the applicable interest rates for the 2012 calendar year.

The emergency rules are necessary to allow the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance and educational institutions to effectively administer these programs. A delay in promulgating rules would have an adverse impact on the financial welfare of the eligible students and the financial condition of their families. LATTA has determined that these emergency rules are necessary in order to prevent imminent financial peril to the welfare of the affected students.

This declaration of emergency is effective on March 11, 2013, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (ST13145E)

**Title 28**  
**EDUCATION**

**Part VI. Student Financial Assistance**  
**— Higher Education Savings**

**Chapter 1. General Provisions**

**Subchapter A. Tuition Trust**  
**Authority**

**Chapter 3. Education Savings**  
**Account**

**§311. Termination, Refund, and Rollovers of**  
**an Education Savings Account**

A. - G. ...

H. Refund Payments. Payment of refunds for voluntary termination under §311.F or partial refunds of accounts pursuant to §311.F.3 shall be made within 30 days of the date on which the account was terminated. The termination refund shall consist of the principal remaining in the account and interest remaining in the account accrued on the principal through the end of the last calendar year. Interest earned in excess of ~~\$3~~**\$10** during the calendar year of termination will be refunded within 45 days of the date the state treasurer has announced the interest rate for the preceding year. Interest earned of ~~\$3~~**\$10** or less during the calendar year of termination will be forfeited to the Louisiana Education and Tuition Savings Fund.

I. - I.2.b. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 17:3091-3099.2.

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(January 2001), LR 27:1222 (August 2001), LR 27:1876 (November 2001), LR 28:450 (March 2002), LR 28:777 (April 2002), LR 28:2334 (November 2002), LR 29:556 (April 2003), LR 30:786 (April 2004), LR 30:1169 (June 2004), LR 30:2302 (October 2004), LR 31:639 (March 2005), LR 32:1433 (August 2006), LR 32:2240 (December 2006), LR 33:443 (March 2007), LR 34:1885 (September 2008), LR 35:1492 (August 2009), LR 36:492 (March 2010), LR 36:2030 (September 2010), LR 38:1954 (August 2012).

**§315. Miscellaneous Provisions**

A. - B.26. ...

[27. For the year ending December 31, 2012, the Louisiana Education Tuition and Savings Fund earned an interest rate of 2.52 percent.](#)

[28. For the year ending December 31, 2012, the Savings Enhancement Fund earned an interest rate of 2.57 percent.](#)

C. - S.2. ...

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